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Those of the Mormon Battalion, Who Settled in Timpanogos Valley, Utah:

Elisha Averett was born on 12 Dec 1810 in Maury Co., Tennessee to John & Jenet Gill Averett. He joined the Mormon Battalion as a musician in Company A and had learned the trade of Master Stone Masonry. After his tour of duty in the Battalion he came to Heber City for a time, in 1861 & 1875. He married three times during his life: (1) Dorcus Willis, (2) Sarah Jane Witt, (3) Cherizade Grimes. They lived in various places in Washington Co., Heber, Wasatch Co., Utah, Idaho, and Nevada. Elisha's Son --named Elisha who md Annie Catherine Sedarville, dau of Grandma Skogg, lived in Heber, and was a Master Stone Mason, having learned the trade well, from his father. He contributed much to the building up of this community. His handiwork is indelibly marked on such sandstone buildings as the Joseph Royal Murdock home at 315 West 100 So in Heber, Abram Hatch's second home (Zion's First National Bank), Wasatch Stake Tabernacle (present Heber City Offices), Abram C Hatch's home at 105 E Center St in Heber, and many others.

James Camp Greer of the Battalion, was related to the Greers of Wallsburg, but did not settle in this vicinity. He was born 12 Jan 1828, in Alabama and served as pvt in Co B of the Battalion. After his duty was completed, he returned to Tennessee to sell family property, became serious ill and died there.

William Wallace Casper was born 12 Mar 1821 in Belleville, Richland Co., Ohio to William & Arvilla Durbin Casper. This family, after having joined the LDS faith, were driven from Missouri to Illinois. In 1841, William Wallace Casper joined the Nauvoo Legion, in the Francis Higby Co. He married Sarah Ann Bean on 29th Aug 1844. and they removed to Council Bluffs to begin the western trek. Here William was mustered into the Battalion as a pvt in Co A. He left his young wife and baby in Council Bluffs in care of her 16 yr old brother, George Washington Bean, (an early settler here) who would drive their wagon and oxen, and wife and baby on to the Rocky Mountains. William was discharged from the Battalion 16 July of 1847, returning to Utah by 16 Occt 1847, and found his wife and daughter safe in SLCU. Although, they finally settled in Millcreek in SL Co., Utah, his son, William Nephi Casper did settle in this area, near Charleston.

James Barnett Cole, was born 22 Aug 1828, in Concord, Ohio to Barnett and Phoebe Van Alstyne Cole, and served as pvt in Co D of the Mormon Battalion. He married Lucy Ward and after his tour of duty, they lived in various towns around Utah, including: Willard, Provo, Heber in Wasatch Co. between Mar 1862 and April 1867, Payson, Sandy, Richmond, Ogden, and later to Plymouth where he was killed on 7 June 1876.

Ephriam Knowlton Hanks, was born 21 Mar 1826 in Madison, Lake, Ohio to Benjamin and Martha Knowlton Hanks. Ephriam served well in the Battalion as pvt in Co B learning very much and going on to become one of the valued western scouts--particularly for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He married: (1) Harriet Amelia

Those of the Mormon Battalion Who Settled in Limpanogor Valley, Utah

William H. Allen was born in 1810 in Vermont, Co. Tennessee to John Allen and
 a sister. He joined the Mormon Battalion as a musician in Company A and had learned
 the trade of blacksmith. After the time of duty in the Battalion he came to
 Idaho City for a time in 1831 & 1832. He married three times during his life (1)
 Cora Allen (2) Sarah Allen (3) Cora Allen. They lived in various places in
 Washington Co. Idaho. William Co. Idaho. He and his son-in-law
 Eliza who had Anna Catherine Schmitt a son of 17 years old. They lived in Idaho and
 was a blacksmith. He had learned the trade well from his father. He continued
 much to the building up of his community. His family now is mostly made up of
 such and his building as the blacksmith shop located between 212 West 100 St in Idaho.
 Adam Allen's second house (212 West 100 St) is now a blacksmith shop. Adam Allen's
 present house (212 West 100 St) is now a blacksmith shop. Adam Allen's
 many others.

James G. Allen of the Battalion was related to the family of William, but did not
 settle in this vicinity. He was born in 1818 in Alabama and served as Pvt in Co B
 of the Battalion. After his discharge he returned to Tennessee to sell family
 property, became sick and died there.

William H. Allen was born in 1821 in Belleville, Kentucky Co. Ohio to
 William & Anna Allen. This family after moving from the 100 West 100 St
 moved from Missouri to Idaho. In 1841, William H. Allen moved the family
 to Idaho in the French Valley Co. He married Sarah Ann Allen on 22nd Aug 1844 and
 she removed to Council Bluffs to begin the western trek. Their William was married
 and the Battalion as a Pvt in Co A. He left his young wife and baby in Council Bluffs in
 care of her to go old brother George Washington Allen (an early settler here) who would
 take their wagon and baby and wife and baby on to the Rocky Mountain. William was
 discharged from the Battalion on July 22, 1845 returning to Utah by 1st Nov 1845 and
 joined his wife and daughter in a 2nd Co. Although they finally settled in Millerton in
 2nd Co. Utah, his son William H. Allen stayed the winter in the area near Council Bluffs.

James H. Allen was born 22 Aug 1828 in Council Bluffs to James and Phoebe
 Allen. He joined the Battalion and served as Pvt in Co A of the Mormon Battalion. He married Lucy
 Allen and after his time of duty they lived in various places around Idaho including
 where Hiram Allen lived in Washington Co between Mar 1851 and April 1857. James H. Allen
 died and was buried in the same place as his father on 7 June 1885.

John H. Allen was born 21 Aug 1828 in Council Bluffs, Iowa (this is Benjamin
 and Anna Allen's house). He served well in the Battalion as Pvt in Co B
 during very much of his time. After we were sent to the
 the Council Bluffs of Council Bluffs. He married (1) Anna Allen.

Decker, (2) Jane Maria Capener, who also served, but, in Company E of the Battalion. (3) Hannah Hardy, and (4) Thisbe Quilley Read. Ephriam and his Jane Maria Capner Family

lived in the Charleston area for some time. As a Mormon Scout he had many and diverse responsibilities which demanded his attention in many areas. He finally died in Pleasant Creek, Wayne Co., Utah. Some of his progeny still remain in the Timpanogos Valley region.

Phoebe Draper Palmer Brown was the new 2nd wife of Ebenezer Brown. Phoebe volunteered as a laundress in the Battalion to be with her new 2nd husband. They, both had suffered similar ill-fortune: She had been widowed with seven children by the death of her 1st husband, George Palmer, in 1835. Near this time, Phoebe was given a blessing by Prophet Joseph Smith that she would be blessed with a good companion, who would be a man of God, and that she would be able to bring up her family properly. Ebenezer was born in New York on 6 Dec 1802 and raised in Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, clearing land for farming. On 20th of July 1823 he had married Ann Weaver with whom he had had five children. They joined the LDS Church and moved west to Ohio, and later to Missouri and on to Quincy, Illinois. It was here that he lost Ann Weaver on 20 July 1842, leaving him with five children. Both Phoebe and Ebenezer finally arrived in Nauvoo where they met and married. Ebenezer was mustered into the Battalion as 2nd Sergeant in Company A and Phoebe did not want to be left behind, again. They both made the long 2000 mile trek to San Diego California and were mustered out 14 Mar 1848. The Browns terried in the Sacramento Area for a time panning for gold, but finally ended up in SLCU in 1849. They moved to the South Willow Creek (Draper) in 1850, and are credited with being the first family to build a home in the Draper, Utah area. Ebenezer died there 26 Jan 1878.

There is another part of this story which involves the early settlement of Timpanogos Valley.....Zemira Palmer was the son of George and Phoebe Draper Palmer, born 9 Aug 1831, born in the Upper Province of Canada. After Zemira's mother, Phoebe married Ebenezer Brown, he also did not want to be left behind, and urged his mother to take him with them into the Battalion. He was not old enough to be a soldier, but could be a servant to the officers. He had to be able to carry a rifle, however. Zemira was only 14 yrs. of age. It was so arranged. Rations were sparse, but Phoebe managed well. Eventually, Zemira married (1) Sally Knight, dau of Newell Knight and Lydia Goldthwaite, on 1st Dec 1851, and later (2) he married Caroline Jacques in 1856. They moved to the Heber Fort in Timpanogos Valley in 1860, and lived in the north west corner of that Fort. Zemira served in the Echo Canyon War, and later was called to Orderville, Utah to live the United Order there with his family. He died there at age 49, on 22 Oct 1880.

John Sessions was born 22 Aug 1820, in White County, Illinois, to Richard & Lucretia Haws Sessions. In early July 1846, John married Caroline Emeline Sessions. John volunteered to join the Mormon Battalion in 1846, and served as a pvt in Co A during the Mexican War campaign. His young bride volunteered as a laundress in the same

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There is another part of this story which is covered the early settlement of Chippewagon
1831, born in the Province of Ontario. After George's marriage, Thomas married
Frances Brown, he had not a son to be left behind, and being his mother to raise
him, with whom into the settlement. He was not old enough to be a soldier, but could be a
servant to the officers. He had to be able to carry a rifle, however. Thomas was only
14 years of age. It was so arranged. Thomas was spared, but Thomas managed well
He eventually became a soldier (1) Kelly (right, son of) the well known Kelly
(domiciled on 1st Dec 1831 and later (2) he married Elizabeth Jones in 1830. They
moved to the Hudson's Bay Company village in 1830 and lived in the north west corner
of that Fort. Thomas served in the Hudson's Bay and later was called to Order of
Merit for the British Order there with his family. He died there at age 48, on 22 Oct
1880.

The young child mentioned as a witness in the same case was identified by the London Station in 1946 and served as a girl in G-7 during 1940-1941. This married Chinese female, 28 years old, in July 1941, also married Chinese female, 28 years old, born 12 April 1913 at Wuhan Chungking, Illinois to Edward & I possib

company. His father, Richard, and younger brother, William Bradford Sessions served as privates also in that same Co. A. Richard's family remained behind at Mt Pisgah (wife Lucretia, and 6 children). William Bradford was not yet married. As the Battalion advanced, and at a point, a number of men and women had become disabled, sick, or worn. It was decided to send this sick detachment to Pueblo Colorado under command of Capt. John (Polly) Brown on 16 Sep 1846. In this group were 16 families. They spent the winter of 1846 and 1847 in Pueblo. In the Spring of 1847 this group were dispatched to SL Valley and arrived there 29 July 1847, five days after the first band of Pioneers under the leadership of Brigham Young, had arrived. Mrs John Sessions, (Caroline Emeline Sessions Sessions) was detached from the Battalion on 17 Oct 1846.

Richard Sessions was born 28 Apr 1799 in Logan Co. Kentucky, to Solomon & Mary Hargraves or Hargreaves. Richard married Lucretia Haws, dau of Jacob & Hannah Neil or Neal Haws, on 14 April 1821, in White Co Illinois. Richard was made a Seventy in the LDS Church and then made a counsellor to Bishop Terry in Mosquito Creek, Iowa. Richard also distinguished himself in the 13th Regiment and 1st Brigade of the Illinois Mounted Volunteers, in the Illinois Blackhawk Indian War. He later joined the Mormon Battalion in 1846 with 2 sons: John and William Bradford Sessions and John's wife, Caroline Emeline Sessions Sessions, who joined as a laundress in Co A. This seems to be a record: One Mormon Family furnishing 4 adult members to join with the Battalion. He and son William Bradford made the entire 2000 mile march with that Battalion to San Diego, California. They were discharged there, and came on to SLCU, arriving here, 16 Oct 1847.

In SLCU Richard took up ground in the Fort Douglas Area and in the spring of 1848, planted grain there. The Crickets devoured it. Then in the fall of the 1848 Richard and William Bradford Sessions traveled back to Winter Quarters to rejoin their family. Then in 1850, the remaining family of Richard Sessions returned to Utah in the James Pace Co., arriving in SL in mid Oct. They remained in their first home in Cottonwood for a few years then moved to Provo. After arriving in Provo Utah, he was called as 2nd Counsellor to the first bishop of the 4th Ward: Bishop William Madison Wall and later to Bishop William Fawcett of the same Ward. He was a very early settler in Heber, Wasatch, Utah and became a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He died in Heber on 23 Mar 1879.

William Bradford Sessions was born 23 Jan 1827 in Wayne, DuPage Co., Illinois to Richard and Lucretia Haws Sessions. He joined the Battalion with his father and older brother John, when Wm was only 19. He married Catherine Yager, on 9th of Aug 1852 in Wayne Co., Illinois. Catherine was born 21 Jan 1834. William B. was mustered out in San Diego California. They searched for gold in Calif before returning to Utah. He died in Sweetwater, Wyoming, according to one account. This couple had one son: Richard Yager Sessions, born in Heber, Wasatch, Utah, on 7 Apr 1872.

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